

AMERICAN SOLDIERS SENT TO BATTLE FOE OF ALLIES OF GEORGE

Prisoners Accused of Buying Discharges For Enlisted Men and Sending Them to Europe—Many Prominent Local Persons Involved In Conspiracy, Say Federal Authorities

(From Monday Advertiser)

CHARGED with violation of the neutrality laws of the United States, and with being active in one of the most important "war plots" yet brought to light concerning the activities of the Allies in this country, two men were arrested yesterday morning by United States Marshal J. J. Smiddy. They are said to have been agents for the British government. The names under which they stand charged of conspiracy, are C. D. Randall, also known as Henderson and England, and W. R. Stein, said by the authorities to be W. R. Seligson.

FORMER SERGEANT RELEASED

R. B. Jefferson, formerly a sergeant in the Fourth United States Cavalry, and recently discharged from the army by purchase, was arrested with Randall. He was soon released, however Jefferson is an employee in the office of the city attorney.

Taken before United States Commissioner George Curry, Randall is said by the authorities to have confessed his part in the alleged plot, and pleaded guilty.

These arrests, it was asserted last night, are but the forerunners of others still more sensational, which are to come. While no person connected with the case would make any admissions, it is said that one of the "higher-ups" is connected with the British Embassy at Washington, and that a number of prominent local men are involved in the affair.

RECRUITS ALL OLD SOLDIERS

In all 156 men, many of whom are former soldiers, and all of whom have had military experience, have been secured here by the alleged agents for the Entente Allies, and all of these, with two exceptions, already have been sent out of the country for service against the Germans in the trenches, or as drill instructors for the new armies of the British Empire in building up in Australia and Canada. Most of the recruits obtained in Hawaii have been sent to Vancouver, but some of them have been despatched to New Zealand and Australia.

The two men still here were to have gone out in the Niagara of the Canadian-Australasian line next Friday, when that ship leaves for Vancouver. As matters stand, however, it is probable that they will be awaiting trial on various charges long before that date.

LARGE SUMS OF MONEY SPENT

Large sums of money, totalling, it is said, at least \$20,000 have been expended in Honolulu by the alleged governments, in purchasing discharges from the American service for these men. It is understood that checks, contracts, letters and telegrams were found in possession of Randall, which link him with some of the highest officials of the British government in this country. Other letters and documents are said to connect some of the most prominent men and business firms in the Territory with the alleged conspiracy. Other papers are said to involve former officials of the territorial government with the workings of the plan for securing more men for the Allies.

Asked last night if there are any further warrants out Marshal Smiddy declined to make any positive statement, beyond admitting that it is practically certain that other arrests will follow those he made yesterday morning. He refused to answer any other questions regarding the matter, declaring that such a statement from him at this time would be "premature" and might "spill the beans."

'PLOT' HATCHED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO

The working of the plan began, it is said, several months ago, with the arrival here from the mainland of C. D. Randall, who was known as C. D. Henderson and R. L. Henderson. The man it is asserted, also passed as a "Mr. England." Under this name, he is said to have received mail through the British consul here. Mail also came for him addressed to the Y. M. C. A. In his room at a local hotel was found a trunk containing many documents of value to the development of the case. They were addressed to C. D. Randall, C. D. Henderson and R. L. Henderson. It was when he was confronted with these, that Randall pleaded guilty to the charge.

'STEIN' DENIES EVERY ACCUSATION

W. R. Stein, or to give him the name which the authorities insist is his own, W. R. Seligson, came down here several weeks ago, ostensibly to establish a branch of the New York Dress company. He opened a small place in Union street.

Seligson is said to have served as the connecting link of the plot between the runners and the men who were supplying the actual money that greased the ways. He denies the charge, and insists that he has been arrested without cause. He declares that he is an American citizen, and has had nothing whatever to do with Randall. He was arrested by Marshal Smiddy in Fort street, and was at once lodged in the territorial prison, after his hearing before the United States commissioner. Friends have offered to vouch for his innocence, but Stein, or Seligson, is still behind the bars.

The method said to have been used by the accused was a complicated one. Under the army regulations an enlisted man may secure his discharge by purchase only when his commanding officer gives approval, and following the filing of a letter from some reputable firm offering the soldier a job if he should be discharged from the service. This, then, was the first requisite, and the alleged plotters are said to have had but little difficulty in obtaining these letters from certain prominent firms in the city. Several of the letters are reported to have been among the effects found in the trunk belonging to Randall by Marshal Smiddy.

As soon as the prospective recruit, having expressed his willingness to serve the Allies against the Teutons, was supplied with a letter offering him a position here, he filed an application for discharge by purchase.

PURCHASE MONEY ADVANCED

The purchase money, it is said, was advanced to him for the purpose, by the agents. This money is said to have averaged about \$140 the man. More than fifty such discharges are said to have been issued in the last six months in this department.

Very few of these, it is declared, were given to men not connected with the plan to increase the armies of the Allies by American recruits. The other one hundred and odd men who have been

PRESIDENT TALKS MORE ABOUT WAR

America Will Keep Out of Conflict If Humanity and Justice Prevail

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 28.—President Wilson again made plain his position with regard to the war in Europe, and the part in it that he believes the United States should play, when he told the members and guests of the Grille club at a dinner last night that America must keep out of the conflict at any cost, save only her sense of humanity and justice.

It was a representative crowd at the club gathering. There were prominent business men, prominent newspaper men and congressmen and senators. To this audience the President talked without apparent reserve, and he brought his hearers to their feet with shouts of approval when he leaned forward and said very earnestly:

"I should be as much ashamed of being rash as of being cowardly at such a crisis of my country's affairs. Valor is self-respecting. Valor is circumspect, strikes only when assured it is right, withholds itself from small implications and entanglements. Courage waits its great opportunity and then its sword flashes as it carried upon its blade the light of heaven."

PANAMA NOT PLEASED WITH GOETHALS' DATA

Republic Says Adamson Bill Will Infringe Treaty Rights

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PANAMA, February 28.—Foreign Minister E. T. Lefevre has announced that Panama takes formal exception to certain statements made by Colonel Goethals at his recent hearing before the military committee of the house, regarding the joint commission adjudicating land claims against Americans.

Minister Morales is said to have written to Secretary of State Lansing complaining of the proposed Adamson bill, which, he declared, is a violation of the treaty between Panama and the United States. Mr. Morales is said to have asked Secretary Lansing to try to prevent the passage of the Adamson measure, and to endeavor to secure a law permitting the zone commission to sell nothing but coal and oil.

All other sales, he declared, infringe the treaty between the countries.

SEATTLE GETS DETAILS OF SINKING OF STEAMER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SEATTLE, February 28.—With a large cargo and additional details of the sinking of the Taijin Maru, one hundred miles off the coast of Japan, about a month ago, the Japanese steamer Awa Maru has reached Seattle. Her agents reported that the Taijin Maru went down three minutes after she crashed with the Linan. One hundred and four of her Chinese passengers were drowned and fifty-four members of her Japanese crew.

EMPEROR WILLIAM PLEASED WITH CONDITION OF FLEET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

COPENHAGEN, February 28.—It was reported here last night that last Wednesday, Kaiser Wilhelm spent the entire day inspecting the battleships and other war craft at Wilhelmshaven. He is said to have expressed himself pleased with the condition in which he found the fleet.

ent out of Honolulu for service at the front, or with the new armies of the British Empire, were discharged soldiers or men who had served in the American army at one time or another. All of them were carefully picked men, trained to the use of arms, and particularly skilled in the use of machine guns, it is asserted by officials who have been working on the case.

CITY ATTORNEY ON TRAIL

The city attorney's office began work on the case some week ago. R. B. Jefferson, a former United States soldier, and now an employee in the office, was the first man to get in touch with the situation. After developing the case until the evidence showed that it was properly a case for the federal authorities it was turned over to Marshal Smiddy, who, as federal representative, had charge of the matter. He at once recognized its importance and bent every energy to bring it to a successful conclusion. The collection of the vital links in the chain of evidence was in his hands and he soon succeeded in getting what he needed. The arrests of Randall and Seligson followed.

The mention of E. L. S. Gordon, the British consul, in connection with the arrest of Randall was followed last night by this statement from that official:

STATEMENT BY CONSUL

"It is quite possible that this man Randall or Henderson, or whatever his name is, may have received mail at my office. Many letters are sent to the care of the consulate here. That is one of the reasons for consulates. Of course, however, I know nothing about the charges against the man. They may all be true, but they sound to me very fishy. It has not been so far as I know, the policy of the British government to recruit men here or anywhere save at home or in one of our colonies. I have myself repeatedly told persons making inquiries regarding the Canadian or Australian service, that I am unable to give them the data they asked, as I am without the necessary information. If the British government is really conducting a recruiting campaign in Honolulu it is doing it without my assistance and without having told me any of the plans. The very prominence of some of the names that are mentioned in connection with the case seems to me to be proof enough that there is nothing in it really."

PICTURE BRIDE MARRIAGE UPHeld

Consul Yamasaki Says That Custom Is Legal In Japan and Satisfactory

(Special Telegram to St. Paul J.M.)

SAN FRANCISCO, February 28.—That the so-called picture-bride system of marriage which is largely employed among the Japanese men in the United States is legitimate, according to the Japanese law, is the emphatic assertion made by Yamasaki, the Japanese consul in this city, in response to a question put of the Japanese official by the Associated Press.

"Owing to the fact that there is in the present immigration bill, now pending in the house of representatives, a provision which aims at prohibiting the entry into the United States of picture brides from Japan, the question of whether or not this peculiar system of marriage should be allowed to continue has been raised, and one of the direct results of this was the inquiry at the Japanese consulate."

"Being legitimate, according to the Japanese law, as stated above, Consul Yamasaki declared that these marriages have proven so far to be satisfactory to the parties concerned. The allegation made so often that many of the Japanese in the United States make ridiculous representations to harbor Japanese agents through the picture-bride channel for immoral purposes is entirely unfounded, added Mr. Yamasaki."

TEUTONS WILL ADHERE TO SUBMARINE POLICY

But Merchant Ships Sailing Armed Will Be Torpedoed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Count von Bernstorff has received orders from his government to inform the administration here that the attitude given by Berlin following the sinking of the Lusitania and the Arabic regarding the conduct of Teutonic submarine warfare is still binding in the case of peaceful merchant ships. It does not apply, however, to merchant craft that persist in going armed for defense against submarines.

The ambassador has a list of twenty incidents of British merchant ships that have attacked the submarines, that intended to attack them. He is also informed that the German and Austrian admiralties have issued instructions to their submarine commanders to torpedo without warning any and all armed merchant craft after midnight of Tuesday.

Despatches from Germany say that the North German Gazette, in a leading article printed this morning, says: "All reports that Germany intended to deviate from her submarine policy are utterly without foundation. The energetic conduct of the submarine warfare will begin at the stated time."

PORTABLE TRACKS AID IN ALLIES' TRENCHES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PHILADELPHIA, February 28.—Three hundred and fifty gasoline locomotives are now being used in the trenches by the Russians. They are the production of the Baldwin Locomotive Works based upon designs made after consultation with army officers of the allied armies. The locomotives run on rails placed two feet apart. The tracks are so arranged that they can be laid or removed with the minimum of time and labor.

MAY PERISH WHEN TWO BRITISH SHIPS GO DOWN OFF DOVER

Big P. & O. Liner Carries Passengers and Lascar Sailors To Their Death

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 28.—Striking a floating mine yesterday afternoon with in sight of the waterfront houses of Dover, the big P. & O. steamer Maloja sank twenty minutes later carrying down about thirty of her white passengers and 117 of her Lascar crew. The small freight carrying steamer Empress of Port William also was mined and sank, after a heroic attempt to pick up from the water the struggling survivors of the Maloja. One of her crew was killed. The rest escaped serious injury.

The Maloja was barely two miles off Dover, bound for Bombay, when the mine struck her well aft of the mainmast. Almost instantly she began to heel, and for a moment there was wild confusion on her decks. Then her officers got control of the situation and the boats were dropped into the sea.

From shore, where the explosion of the mine was distinctly heard, boats put out at once to the sinking ship, and arrived in time to be of great service in picking up survivors from the water. The shock of the explosion was felt in the waterfront houses and many windows were broken by the concussion.

Empress Goes Down Quickly
The Empress of Port William, which at the time of the explosion was not far from the Maloja, immediately swung over her wheel and started for the disabled steamer. She was not far from where the liner was rocking to and fro in the water, settling swiftly, when another mine struck her, close to the bow. The force of this second explosion seemed to lift her bow clear of the water, and she began to settle even faster than the Maloja.

In the mean time on board the P. & O. boat the passengers and crew were acting splendidly. The momentary panic that followed the crash of the bursting mine died away. Women and children were hurried to the boats by the officers and male passengers in an effort to get them all safe before the ship sank. This, however, proved impossible, and when the ship went down she carried with her a number of passengers. Others were thrown into the sea by the final lurch of the steamer as she sank. The waters were dotted with struggling swimmers when the first of the shore boats arrived and began the work of rescue.

RECENT BRITONS ABOARD

Among the passengers on the liner were many prominent British officials bound for their posts in India and Egypt. One of the most prominent was Judge Oldfield of the Indian High Court, who had been in England on a furlough.

The details of the disaster are comparatively few owing to the fact that Dover is under military law and the censorship is strict. It is known, however, that at midnight last night the bodies of eighteen men, eleven women and four children had been brought on shore. Eleven of the men were Lascars, who made up the larger part of the crew.

The market place in Dover was converted at once into a morgue, but early this morning few of the bodies there had been identified. Several of the injured passengers died in the rescue boats on their way to the shore.

The British steamer Suevic was another sea victim of Sunday. She was abandoned at sea by her crew when she caught fire. All hands were saved.

GOVERNOR WHITMAN PLEADS FOR COMPULSORY TRAINING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

RUFFALO, New York, February 28.—Governor Whitman, in a speech made here last Saturday night, advocated compulsory training for the young men of this country. This he said is the only true basis for the citizen soldiery idea. He made a plea for "preparedness for peace."

ENGLISH WOMAN SENTENCED AS ANTI-CONSCRIPTIONIST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 28.—Mrs. Nellie Best, secretary of the women's anti-conscriptionist league, was arrested Saturday and sentenced to six months' imprisonment for circulating literature against enlistment.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, February 28.—The official statement issued last night reports that the British steamer Fasset has been sunk by a Teutonic submarine in the western Mediterranean.

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CREW ON WHIPPLE DO NOT LIKE FOOD

Paint Sign On Bow and Officers Unaware of It Take Boat To Port

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN DIEGO, February 28.—The torpedo boat destroyer Whipple came into port late Saturday afternoon with a grouch, and a practical joke on her officers based on her bow.

The Whipple has been on the Colorado target grounds for some time, and while there the chief petty officer on board seems to have won the displeasure of the rest of the crew. Certainly the food with which the men were served was not satisfactory to them, for when the ship reached port the most conspicuous thing about her was a huge sign in box-car sized letters, "Jail House, C. P. O. Ship." The "C. P. O." stands in navy slang for "chief petty officer."

The officers all unconscious of the trick that was being played on them, were furious when they found out that they had been navigating such a practical joke on themselves over the high seas. They called the thing a "gross outrage."

The same trick was played some years ago by members of the crew on the Maryland. At the time the executive officer was a lieutenant-commander named Lang. On a trip the vessel made from San Francisco to San Diego some one climbed over the side of the ship after dark and painted in huge letters "Lang's Washhouse, Keep Off Her."

The trick, like that played upon the officers of the Whipple, was not discovered until the vessel reached port.

MILITARY MEASURES PRACTICALLY SETTLED

House and Senate Committee Work is Near Completion

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 28.—Measures now pending in the house and senate committees on military affairs are said to favor the formation of a federal reserve of volunteers on the lines suggested by the Continental plan put forward by former Secretary of War Garrison, prior to his resignation. The plan includes a test for commissions in this reserve as well as for all other ranks drawing pay under the law.

The house committee is said to have agreed to a bill which provides an army of 143,000 men on a peace footing and a federalized militia, with a minimum of 324,000 men in five years time. This bill also provides for a reserve system and the organization of civilian camps for training officers and men. Under the terms of the measure the war department is given discretion regarding the enlistment period and training of the men.

CRUISER SAN DIEGO HAS RECORD GUNNERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN DIEGO, February 28.—The U. S. S. cruiser San Diego reports what is believed here to be a record for target practice hits. With one of its six inch guns the cruiser made eight perfect hits out of eight shots, at 1800 yards, in seventy-two seconds. One of the three-inch guns made the same perfect score in forty-eight seconds, at a target 1600 yards away. The night target practice was also splendid. With the eight-inch gun forward the ship made a record of nine hits in twelve shots. The after eight-inch guns made a total of eight hits out of twelve in the daytime practice.

DEATH CLAIMS PIONEER AND OLDEST LIVING MASON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SPOKANE, February 28.—A. Pike, aged ninety-six years, said to have been the last of the survivors of the famous army led by General Fremont, died here last Saturday night. It is said by friends and relatives of the old man that he was the oldest living Mason.

LONDON COMMISSION FIXES SUGAR PRICE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 28.—The Royal Commission, Saturday advanced the price of sugar two shillings (fifty cents) a hundred weight. The new price will go into effect throughout the United Kingdom this morning.

WILSON LINER DIED SUNK ON SATURDAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 28.—The Wilson liner Dido was sunk off the English coast Saturday. She carried a crew of twenty-nine men. Her captain and two of the men were lauded yesterday. It is feared that she will be a total loss.

WARSHIP PENNSYLVANIA FINISHES FINAL TESTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

ROCKLAND, Maine, February 28.—The superdreadnaught Pennsylvania yesterday completed her standardization trials. She exceeded the contract requirements, having made 21.75 knots in the hourly tests.

GERMAN DRIVE LOSES FORCE UNDER BLOWS FROM FRENCH

Reports From Verdun Front Most Conflicting, But Apparently Teutons Are Being Held Firmly By Men Under General Joffre

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, February 28.—Although the reports from the fighting on the Verdun front are conflicting it looks as if the German battering has battered itself out for the time being at least, and that the French are holding all of the line they have taken up. In some parts of the field, the Gallie troops are forcing their foe back over the ground covered with French and German corpses, and are regaining the ground they lost under the blasting of the big guns of the Teuton army.

From the front itself the despatches are meagre and unsatisfactory. It appears certain however, that the claims made by Berlin that the Germans have taken the fort at Douaumont, one of the outlying fortifications to the north-east of Verdun, and four miles from that fortress, are without basis. The Paris official statement while it does not minimize the gravity of the situation insists that the Teutonic attacks are slackening all along the Verdun front except in the vicinity of Douaumont.

PARIS CLAIMS ENEMY IS NOW BEING DRIVEN BACK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Despatches Repeat Statement That Increased Pressure On Invaders Is Forcing Them To Withdraw From Lines Gained

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GERMANS LOSE HOLD

East and west of that point it is said, the Teutons are holding desperately to the positions they have won by the blasting of their great guns during the last few days; but this hold is growing more and more precarious as the pressure of the French increase. This increased pressure is beginning to win its way, declare the correspondents at the front, in substantiation of the official report. The Germans have been using twenty army divisions of twenty thousand men each, or approximately four hundred thousand men each, in their battering ram blows at the forts protecting Verdun. Using British Troops

In the defensive line the French have not had more than fifteen divisions at any time, but General Joffre is pouring reinforcements in as fast as train and automobile are capable of putting them in place, filling the places of these men by command of the new English army in Belgium and north France.

The French official statement also declares that "we are steadily driving the enemy past Douaumont despite his spasmodic rallies." Military men are of the opinion that this statement means that the terrible bombardment of the last few days has reduced the fort at Douaumont to ruins.

BERLIN CONTRADICTS

Berlin despatches however, continue contradictory. In these it is asserted that the repeated attempts of the French to recapture Douaumont have been repulsed with sanguinary slaughter. "We have stormed and taken the fortifications of Douaumont, and the towers of Champ Neuville, five miles from Verdun and the Cote de Talon."

This last claim is flatly denied by the French official statement, which adds that reinforcements for the Cote de Talon position have taken up their places.

BRITISH EXTEND FIGHTING LINES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

OTTAWA, Canada, February 28.—Cable advices from Paris and London, to Sir Samuel Hughes, minister of militia for the Dominion government, declare that "The French are now driving the Germans back past the forts of Douaumont," despite his spasmodic rallies.

Other despatches report that the British lines in north France and Belgium are being extended as rapidly as possible to take up the ground left vacant by the withdrawal of French troops needed to reinforce the fighters at Verdun, where, say the official cables, "the slaughter has been frightful."

FORMER CHAMPION ORDERED TO LEAVE BRITISH ISLES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 28.—It is reported here that the British authorities have ordered Jack Johnson, former negro heavyweight champion of the world, to leave this country, where he has been for some time. It is understood that he is going to sail for South America soon.

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